

It's waterfall season. These 6 in New England are worth a road trip.

Feel the rush.

Slater Mill Dam in Pawtucket, Rhode Island



The Slater Mill Historic Site in Rhode Island. —Rhode Island Commerce Corporation

The state of Rhode Island may not be very mountainous — the state's highest point is Foster's Jerimoth Hill, at 812 feet — but the Ocean State still has its share of falls. That said, Mark Brodeur, director of tourism for Rhode Island, said he especially likes the rush of waters from the unnatural falls at the Slater Mill Dam at the Slater Mill Historic Site on the Blackstone River in Pawtucket.

The Slater Mill Historic Site, a National Historic Landmark, is home to the 1793 Slater Mill, America's first successful water-powered cotton spinning mill. That makes the area, known as the birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution, both historically significant and beautiful, Brodeur said.

"There are dams that are not naturally occurring waterfalls that are probably some of the most important waterfalls in America," Brodeur said.

While at the falls, you can tour the Slater Mill and two other historic buildings on the property: the 1810 Wilkinson Mill and the 1758 Sylvanus Brown House.

It's free to view the falls, but if you want to tour the buildings, the price is \$12 for adults, \$8.50 for kids age 6 and older, and free for kids under age 6.